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ROUTINE ORDERS

LAST POST

30252 Lieutenant Colonel Howard Spencer Cocks. Auckland. 20 September 2006

Spencer was a special friend in that he was a Dilworth Old Boy as I am. I first met him when I was about 11 years old and he was passing jellies and custards out of the dinning room window at an Old Boys Reunion. Then when I joined the Army I was to run into him on numerous occasions. A finer friend and soldier would be difficult to find.



31134 Major John (Jack) Frances Kearney. Napier. 28 September 2006

Here again was a man among men. Jack was in the forefront of sport taking part in rugby, small arms and even water polo. Jack was to be an Infantry Adjutant of 10 Coast Regt for a period and through that and his association with Jim Gilbert became an Associate Member and stalwart of the Old Comrades



Mrs C. Joan Spring. Auckland Hospital. 8 October 2006. Joan was the wife of the late Lt Col Jack Spring.

Mrs Ila Goldsworthy. Auckland. 22 October 2006. Ila was the wife of one of our members and great friend Ross Goldsworthy

NEW MEMBERS

Grant de Vine from Matakana. **Grant** is a retired Major who served in the mighty 4th Medium Battery from 1973 to 1991.

Derek Craig from Hamilton. (That is where the **Chiefs** come from!!) **Derek** started his service as a Gunner with 163 Battery in June 1962, had a look at 1 RNZIR in '63 and then back to the Guns '63 to '67 when he transferred to Ordnance until he let for civvy street in '84.

Louis Oosthoek from Australia. **Louis** joined the mighty 4th Medium in 1981 as a OPCP Gunner Signaller and was commissioned in 1985, 1988 he joined the Regular Force as the Cadre Officer/GPO 11(A) Battery. 1989 saw him as A/Adjt 16th Field Regiment and back to 4th Medium Battery as Battery Captain in 1989 and then retired at his request in 1997.

Laurie Coxhead from Raglan. Another from 4th Medium Battery, however, **Laurie** started his service with 4th Medium Regiment back in 1960, had a brief spell away from the Army and then back in again with the Battery

Wayne Waretini has paid his sub but I have not received his membership form so all I can tell you at this time is that he served with 4th Medium Battery for many years.



Mike Wicksteed joins us from London. **Mike** served for 22 years in a variety of appointments starting at RF Cadet School and ending as Public Relations Officer Army General Staff. **Mike** is now Head of Judicial Communications. London

Bill Stewart joins from North Shore City. **Bill** served in 161 Battery from 1961 – 1965 but during that time did a stint with 1 NZ Regiment in Malaya.

Frank Reid joins us from Taupo. **Frank** served in 16th Field Regiment, Korea, from 1951 to 1954, he went as a Quad driver and ended up as a gun sergeant on Charlie 4, 162 Battery. **Frank** joined at the 2006 Reunion and the first thing he did was offer his services to help with any future reunion planning

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many subscriptions have been received and I thank you, the arrears for 2005 – 2006 are \$275.00 which is the best result we have ever had.

It is that time of year again; subs are due for the 2006 – 2007 year.

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STRUCK OFF FOR NON PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

This is the second Newsletter where there are no members struck off. However, you know who you are, there may be three next time but I honestly hope not.

FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS AND INTERESTING REFLECTIONS

☉ **From Roly & Gail Flutey.** When I mentioned the following to my family they said they had never heard of such an occurrence. It just shows how much some people live in a world of total trust, and 'that just don't work!!'

When we visit bathrooms, hotel rooms, changing rooms, etc., how many of you know for sure that the seemingly ordinary mirror hanging on the wall is a real mirror, or actually a 2-way mirror where (they can see you, but you can't see them)? There have been many cases of people installing 2-way mirrors in female changing rooms. It is very difficult to positively identify the surface by just looking at it. So, how do we determine with any amount of certainty what type of mirror we are looking at? Just conduct this simple test: Place the tip of your fingernail against the reflective surface and if there is a GAP between your fingernail and the image of the nail, then it is a GENUINE mirror. However, if your fingernail DIRECTLY TOUCHES the image of your nail, then BEWARE, FOR IT IS A 2-WAY MIRROR! So remember, every time you see a Mirror, do the "fingernail test." It doesn't cost you anything.

Remember: "No Space, Leave the Place"

- ☉ **A dramatic picture of a man with only seconds to live.** On the back page I have pasted the picture, so if you don't want to see it don't go to the back page. *!!! bet you do though!!!!*
- ☉ **Newsletter No 131.** Someone did not receive NL 131 because I forgot to put the address on it. The return address was there so I got it!!!!!! Let me know and I will send you one. It will be someone prior to 'Collins'. And yes I do use the alphabet around the right way!! Don't I?
- ☉ **Barry Dreyer** provides an illustration of Trans-Tasman rivalry that occurred in Vietnam September 1966 when writing to Dave Sabben 12 Platoon Commander D Coy 6 RAR during the Battle of Long Tan
Hi Dave - I am amazed the story has held together reasonably well over the years as it would have been last told 30 years ago. It has been around a bit.
Anyway the story as I remember it - as I recall Denis Dwane was one of the conspirators and he may want to correct me, or embellish the story.
We had been briefed and had orders for a regimental deployment to French Fort south of Hoa Long, in a road deployment. This was the first time 1 Fd Regt RAA had deployed as a regiment onto a regimental gun area. It was in support 5 RAR and parts of 6 RAR who were operating in the Warburton mountains. At orders it became obvious we (161Bty) were to be last in and we were likely to be looked at carefully with a

jaundiced eye by the Australian RHQ and the other batteries - we were last in the order of march etc etc., onto a flat open gun position - there would be a Regt of spectators to chivvy us. We suspected that there would also be some attempt to upstage us in action.

Quite unbeknown to any outside 161, we gathered a small raiding party in a couple of vehicles and went down to French Fort before dusk on the day before deployment and set our gun position up. We drove star pickets into the ground to mark exactly where the dial sight of each gun was to sit, surveyed in the gun position, ran all the angles, selected and marked gun aiming points, sited the comms etc etc. Those I remember in the party were the late Dave Roberts (pronto), Jerry Meyer (CP sgt), and some gun sgts. After the recon preparation, we went back and got gun sgts down (they may have come with us initially as protection party - I am not sure) so they walked the position and were fully briefed. Everything was then hidden by driving it below ground, so the position looked pristine.

Anyway we duly deployed in a text book occupation of a regt position, 161 last in - 2 field blys, RHQ, ammo train, then us - we were a long way back. However we were ready - gun sgts had the director angles already set on their sights before we left Nui Dat, surveyors had done similar to the directors, everyone knew exactly what to do and where to do it. We mounted a battery crash action and reported ready in 35secs from the first vehicle leaving the road. The adjt, Alex Karas, was so unbelieving that he left RHQ and sprinted down to us to check that we really did have a gun in action and ready to fire. By the time he got to us we had three guns ready to go, and when the first Regimental Fire Mission was called a minute or so later to test us out, not only did we have all guns in action, we were the first to report ready to engage the target and became the adjusting bty, much to the chagrin of the rest of the regt. And I might add, at the time, they never found out how we did it. And we never got those free beers.

I might add that Morrie Stanley was acting BC as Harry Honnor was on R&R. That was well timed as Morrie was the one who had to climb to the top of the mountains. It was also in this position that Steve Weir, who was Ambassador to Thailand, visited us.

A small 'edited' addition from Dave Sabben.

"Feeling that 161 was considered by the Aussies as the poor cuzzies he (Barry) and his Battery Guide looked for ways to make their mark. The chance came when they were to provide covering fire whilst two other batteries moved to forward positions. Drawing on the "single gun ready" signal he, the Battery Guide and some others, snuck into their designated position in technically enemy territory and staked down the gun frame some nights before the "push". This allowed them, when the time came to join the advanced units and being under scrutiny to perform with professional speed etc, to simply drive to the position hook on and announce "No 1 gun ready to fire". The story goes that the Aussie Bty commander did not believe them, left command post, drove to gun position, left red-faced, and 161 gunners drank lots of free beer in canteens for being the fastest gunners in the East. The story illustrates to me that even in their shared danger and comradeship Kiwi's and Aussies still have the urge to compete.

There was, regretfully, a downside to this and that was the Aussies were always trying to upstage the Kiwis even to the point of reporting their guns 'Ready' when they were no where near ready. A number of times they were caught out by being ordered to fire, but of course could not because they were not 'ready', so had to eat humble pie plus a damn good roasting from RHQ.

☉ **John Wasson** write from Australia regarding the Battle of Long Tan Memorial

Good to hear from you, the newsletter is looking in good shape - well done!

Just a quick note about Long Tan Day in Canberra. I was invited to go up for a long weekend to Canberra with a couple of my vet mates here in Shepparton. Started off Friday morning with a dawn service attended mostly by vets, staff cadets, other military and public servants, followed by breakfast for all in a local park put on by the ACT Vietnam Veterans (financed by the Federal Government - they spend a fortune on all things military).

The main service was at 1030 hrs and that attracted huge numbers of the whole range of interested parties including the PM and the NZ High Commissioner (and husband David Lackey who is one of our new members) who was attending her last official function before completing her tour.

The service went off very well and I must say the Aussies did us proud by their high praise for all NZers involved at Long Tan especially of course for Morrie Stanley and his FO Party but also for all 161 Bty gunners. I thought they went out of their way to include us (you have to remember that when it comes to ANZAC there are many Aussies that have forgotten (in some cases have never known) what the NZ in ANZAC represents) and also heaped praise on Mrs Lackey for her tenure as High Commissioner. To top it off (as you reported) a team of 161 Bty gunners manned and fired the guns during the service. At the end of the service there was a march/roll past of the guard and some APC (with UHIDs overhead) but no guns as the guns being fired are fixed in a firing place (like in Wgtn I presume). Perhaps with some effort they could have found some other guns to roll past and I heard one of the RSM's comment that that would happen next time.

It was then time for lunch for everyone at the Servicemen's Club (government funded) and a very good day was had by all. I caught up with Morrie (he was a neighbour and friend of my Dads when I was still in shorts) and also the gunners and Acting BSM from 161 Bty. They were all made a great fuss of. I Caught up with some other NZers but names escape me.

Saturday was an opportunity to visit the Museum (very impressive each time you visit) and then the concert (again funded by the government) in the afternoon which was based on some original acts performing in Vietnam at the time (They didn't know - or at least didn't sing - the second verse of Ook Dai Lou (spelling)). Then back home Sunday.

I only highlight the funding business as millions of dollars was spent on this 40th Anniversary throughout the country and all funded by the government.

All is well here as I hope it is there. Regards to all.

Ubique

John Wasson

- After the excerpts from 'Korea Remembered' that I included in Newsletter 131 I received the following letter from **Colin Stanbridge** where he refers to the two articles.

"The first by Laurie Clark, in late 1951 I was the Command Post Officer for 163 Battery, who were in 'Direct Support' of 3 Royal Australian Regiment, and would be controlling the 8 guns at the time he refers to. I cannot remember the individual incident he is commenting on but it was a very intense period of activity.

Many 'Uncle' (Divisional) concentrations were fired not only in support of 3RAR but other British and Canadian Battalions as the Chinese took great exception to Commonwealth Divisions acquiring more of their Real Estate. 163 Bty was firing up to and sometimes over 3000 rounds in 24 hours. The incident Laurie refers to is probably the one 3RAR Commanding Officer said all the Chinese casualties can be claimed by the guns.

This brings me to the second article about General Sir Frank Hassett. He was of course CO 3RAR at the time of this particular battle. Both CO's of 3RAR (Lt Col Fergusson after Kapyong) and Lt Col Hassett (late 1951, Operation Commando) were very complimentary about the guns, and as their 'Direct Support' Battery, 163 took some pride in our association with 3RAR."

Thank you for your letter **Colin**, I really do appreciate that gesture as it helps me to make the Newsletters as informative and interesting as possible.

- While we are Remembering Korea I thought it would be interesting to have a look at a Medical article by 'Digger James'.

Major General W.B.(Digger) James AO, MBE, MC, OStJ, graduated from Royal Military College, Duntroon, in December 1951. He served with 1RAR in 1952, was seriously wounded and evacuated home and spent 14 months in hospital. He finally resigned from the Army in 1956 and proceeded to complete a medical course at Sydney University, graduating in December 1963. After hospital residency, he rejoined the Army as a Medical Officer and retired in 1985 after a variety of postings in Australia and abroad, as Director General Army Health Services.

"While serving in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps I was very concerned to ensure that care of the sick and injured on the battlefield was understood, of high quality and given high priority. As history has so often revealed, war is won ultimately on the ground. My thoughts and passion on this truism recently compelled me to put to paper my personal experience of 1952 casualty evacuation as an example for teaching lessons learned in war and so that it may be recalled in *Korea Remembered*, as a tribute to the magnificent soldiers that served with me.

In his epic textbook, *Organisation, Strategy and Tactics of the Army Medical Services in War*, published just 60 years ago, Colonel T.B. Nichols RAMC wrote from his experiences on the Western Front in World War I, but with a prophetic eye on the looming war clouds that were soon to burst into World War II. Many of his pithy statements, I believe, are timeless and bear repeating.

Firstly:

In regard to the fundamental purpose of the medical services in war, he wrote:

The medical service is neither autonomous nor independent – it exists to serve the rest of the Army and must conform with, and be subordinate itself to, the general plans of the Army.

Secondly:

Nichols wrote:

It has often been said that those who can produce a last 100,000 men will win a war. If the Medical Service is inefficient, or is deprived of anything necessary to enable it to function properly, this last 100,000 will be in hospital and NOT on the battlefield, where their presence might turn the scale.

Thirdly:

The finest surgeon, however, is powerless unless his patient and his materials can be brought to him... the success of the treatment of our wounded depends to a large degree upon efficient and rapid movement of the cases.

The other secret of success is rapid evacuation. All through the chain of medical units from the front to the base, the wounded man is kept the very minimum of time to attend to his wounds, and then he is moved on, and kept moving until he reaches either Base or Home. Some of course, are too ill to be moved, and these may have to be retained.

Lastly, he stated:

An efficient medical service is a great conservator of manpower as, by its insistence on the principles and practice of hygiene, it keeps the troops healthy and avoids wastage from sickness. It is a great incentive to good morale, as they know that, if they are wounded, they will be well looked after.

There is a great amount more in Maj Gen James' article, however, I believe I have covered enough. I wonder if any of us really thought about our medics or what would happen to us if we succumbed to warlike damage.

☉ Did you know:

The MG car, the MG stands for Morris Garages.

When a family moves to a new home, it is still traditional in some parts of Britain to take the embers from the old fireplace and burn them in a new one. House warming parties are a development of this old custom.

Dixie, the popular term for the Confederate States, was derived from the ten (dix) dollar bill issued in the 1830's.

Codswallop. English owes this word for nonsense to an American called Hiram Codd who, in 1870's invented a gas tight bottle to keep the fizz in lemonade. Since 'wallop' is a slang term for beer, and beer was never kept in a Codd bottle, 'Codd's wallop' was a drink that was worthless compared with beer.

☉ **Reunion 2006** was held Friday 10, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November 2006 at Taupo.

The Spa Hotel was fully booked for the weekend and the Management performed to our utmost satisfaction. Most members had arrived by mid afternoon and starting 3.30pm were ferried to the RSA by Taupo Taxis for the mix & mingle. It was probably the biggest gathering we have had for some time. When we returned to the Spa we were provided with a wonderful smorgasbord meal, probably the best we have seen for many a year.

On Saturday comments made about breakfast were generally "that is the best breakfast I have seen in any hotel." The two lady chefs really excelled themselves as they did on Sunday.

At 10.00am the AGM opened with the welcome by President Denis Dwane, which was followed by normal business e.g. President, Treasurer and Webmaster Reports. During 'General Business' Colonel Commandant Graham Birch spoke about the forthcoming 'History', that it was in the hands of Reed Publishing and they would exercise their right to name the book and decide launch date, and that he hoped that date might be ANZAC Day 2007.

There was a brief explanation of the future of the Spa Hotel valley with a major rebuild approved to commence in February 2007. As this unfolds, I will keep you up to date in future Newsletters.

Members were then invited to gather at the Opepe Battle site at 1.30pm where Sherwood Young gave us a history of the Battle. The weather was extremely kind to us and all enjoyed a very interesting time at the site and the graves of fallen Armed Constabulary personnel.

The Reunion dinner was held at the Taupo Bowling Club. This was a great evening with 73 for the meal. After Grace by our Association Padre Derm Buchanan MNZM, Denis welcomed the guests with a special reference and thanks to the outgoing CO of 16th Fields Regiment Lt Col Martin Neale CA. Barry Dreyer proposed the Toast to The Queen our Captain General and this was followed by a very stirring Toast to Absent Friends by Allan Boyd. The Toast to Our Ladies was proposed by Graeme Black which was followed by the Toast to Our Heritage proposed by Bill Giles again a most stirring Toast. Wally Fraser proposed the Toast to The Regiment relating parts of the Korean War with special reference to 16th Field Regiment. The Guest Speaker for the weekend was John Osborne who is the Commandant of the Armed Constabulary Re-enactment Society. John related a number of most hilarious incidents where the Society had performed with their horses, Armstrong canons and Coehorn Mortars. He is seriously considering bringing some of their equipments to the Reunion 2007.

Harry Honnor then spoke about 16th Field Regiment generally. Then the raffle was drawn which was well spread out amongst the members with 34 prizes being provided. 34 prizes is the best we have seen, Lyn Culhane presented two lovely Christmas cakes, there was a canon from Tony Tustin and again from Emma Giles a knitted gunner doll.

The Church Parade on Sunday was bolstered by the Royal Marines Association, all up 100 attending the service.

The organist was Mr Lindsay Tisch from Taupo and a quite delightful service and address was conducted by Derm.

The service ended in time for the second half of the French – All Black test which was watched on the huge screen in the Spa Bar. It was quite surprising to hear comments from the gathering regarding rugby tactics, choice of players etc., I did not realise we had an Association of professional coaches, captains and players!!!!

Anyway, on that note I wish to thank everyone who came along to what was a great reunion. The Reunions seem to be getting better and better. If John Osborne is able to bring some of his people to 2007 and you miss it you will only have yourself to blame, however, some of our members are finding the journey a bit tough in their twilight years.

☉ **Medium Gunners and interested Gunners.**

Hugh Vercoe, Mayor of Matamata/Piako, an ex BC of 4th Medium Battery and a member of the Old Comrades has obtained a 5.5-in gun which has refurbished and is on permanent display at Memorial Park, Hamilton. The Dedication of the Gun and Formal Dinner will be on Saturday 2 December 2006. Any ex Medium Gunner or interested people are welcome and should contact me so that I can put you on the roll to keep you informed of progress in the planning of this event.

His Excellency the Governor General will be attending the dedication.

☉ **Barry Dreyer** received the following quip from a Duntroon friend; "While I was OC of Kapyong Coy, Boyd came to see me one day about one of my cadets who was in his Chemistry III class who kept falling asleep on him. I indicated that that was a problem for the cadet, to which Boyd responded "It's a problem for me too, he's the only one in the class!" Needless to say I counselled the cadet."

☉ **Also from Barry**

Killer bees

The fully dug in command post at the Nui Dat base of 161 Battery in South Vietnam was often host to a number of things apart from arm waving prontos, (signals sergeant) bemused surveyors, frustrated duty officers and the occasional visit by a GPO. Most of the unwanted visitors were four-legged: rats, mice and lizards. There was the occasional snake, and a raft of insects usually of the disease bearing kind. The most interesting visit in my time was a swarm of about a million bees. The South Vietnamese bee was an aggressive, hairy beast that tended to arrive in swarms out of nowhere, and just as quickly disappear. In this case we had some warning as the bees started to swarm outside in the mid-morning sun and then moved in trickles down the darkened stairway that led to the underground command post. Downstairs we were quickly outnumbered, grabbed our gear and made a dash through the swarm gathering in the stairwell. Fortunately there was no shooting on and out in the sun we pondered what we were going to do next. The bees were there to stay, at least for some hours until it was dark. Getting them out was going to be a problem until we hit on the idea of smoking them out, based on our recollection of the bee keepers at home. A smoke grenade was quickly found and popped through one of the viewing slots. There was plenty of smoke - bright yellow stuff. When it had dissipated the bees straggled out and swarmed on a nearby sign or rubber tree. Clever chaps were we.

When we got back downstairs we discovered what a yellow smoke grenade was made of - about a ton of the most finely ground yellow talcum powder one could find, compressed into the equivalent of a Watties baked bean tin with a fuze. Every nook, cranny, plotting board, telephone, radio, log book, and desk was covered with about an inch of very fine yellow powder. It was everywhere and quickly got all-over us - very soon we looked as oriental as our enemies. There was much cleaning, dusting, cursing and swearing.

There was still the problem to deal with of the swarm of bees outside. That was easily fixed. We gathered together a small group of yellowised command post staff, put knapsack sprayers of insecticide on their backs, formed into a semi-circle, and carefully herded the swarm to the regimental command post of 1 Field Regiment Royal Australian Artillery.

As I recall the knapsack operators included Pat Duggan, Paul O'Connor, and some others. The two P's may recall who else was involved. What the Aussies did with our bees, we do not know!!!! *Now I wonder why Australians are always trying to make our lives miserable???*



Father and son
Henry Salt and son
Wayne Salt (now Senior Sergeant)



☉ **From Rick Williams**

Hi Team,

I accompanied John Campbell to London as the RNZRSA reps.

Brigadier Paul Southwell is our Defence Advisor and hosted me. I was still on cloud nine after the brilliant

NZ Defence ceremonial at the Armistice Day (Sat) dedication of our Hyde Park memorial. Met all the Royals in the departure line.

On Remembrance Sunday Paul took me to the Royal Artillery service at the adjacent RA memorial, seated alongside the Master Gunner as the 3 commonwealth Defence Advisors laid wreaths concurrently.

The Royal Artillery band and Royal Horse Artillery trumpeters were resplendent and the equal at least of their Guards equivalents. What a thrill to hear the regimental Last Post and reveille fanfares again. I had forgotten how eerie a 2 minutes silence is in London.

The Kings Troop led the march past with the Hon Artillery Company, furled brollies under left armpits, doffed bowlers as they saluted the Master Gunner at the fore of the old and bold. So very British and so damned good.

I hope you get a lift from this, as I did. Who's a lucky boy then?

When yarning with The Royal Regiment RSM at the reception he commented to me "It's tremendous Sir, how these young lads tell me now the first thing they are going to do is join the Legion and the Royal Artillery Association when they get back home. And why sir? Because they have learned to appreciate what the older gunners were talking about and they want to support them in their twilight years."

That was pretty heart-warming to me and should be to all of us old comrades.

Kind regards,

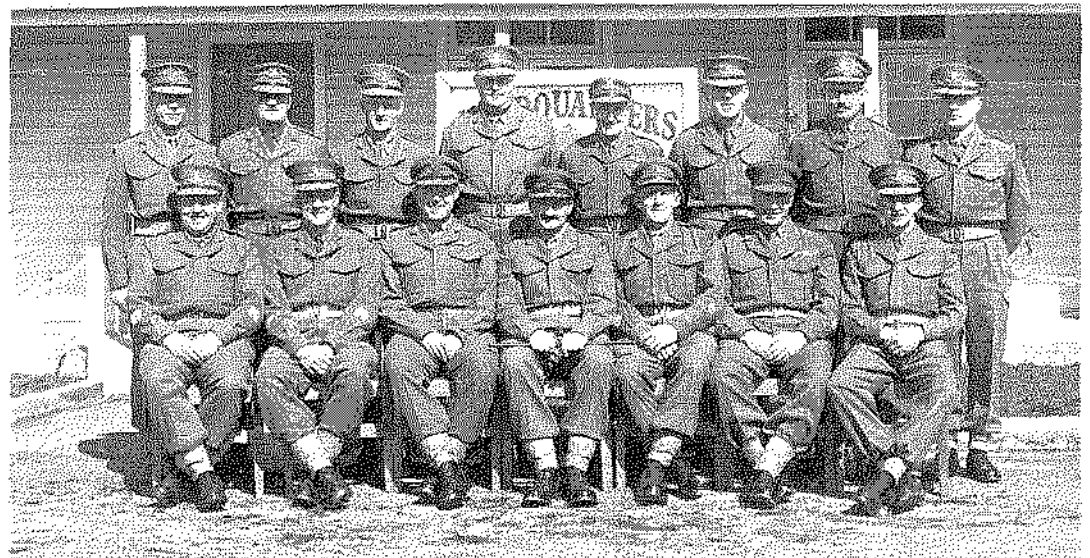
Rick

Thanks Rick, wouldn't it be great if some of our younger gunners had the same feelings and took an interest in their heritage

Dave Maxwell, Bryce Harrison,
Fred Biggwith, not known
Bien Hoa May 1966.
My don't they look young

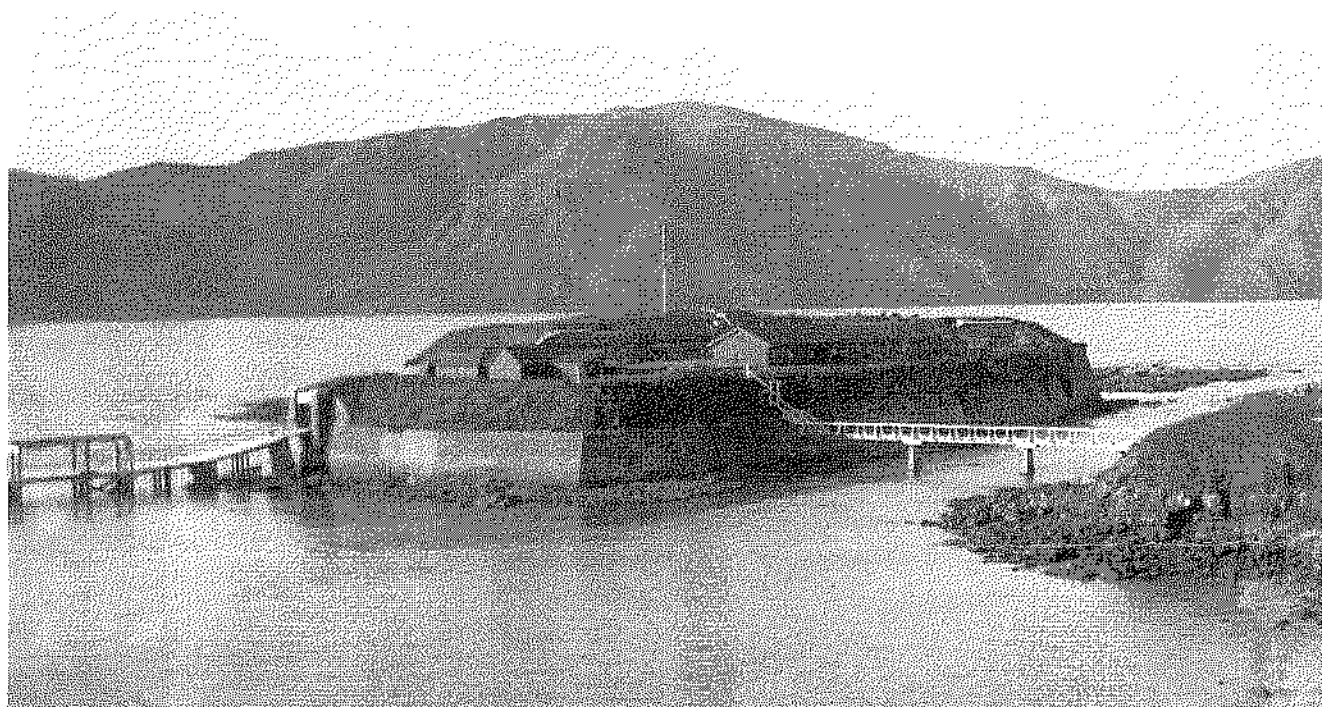


Colin Stanbridge



School of Artillery late 1962. Back row, JB Rout, John Smith?, Neddy Wylde, Bill Giles, Alex Farquarson, Ray Williamson, Spike Huges, Yogi Young.

Front row. Pud Kerslake, Tom Stephen, Barry Hardy, 'The Godfather' Don Kenning (and doesn't he look a young chap!!!!), Darcy Pollard, Allan Boyd, Morrie Chittock



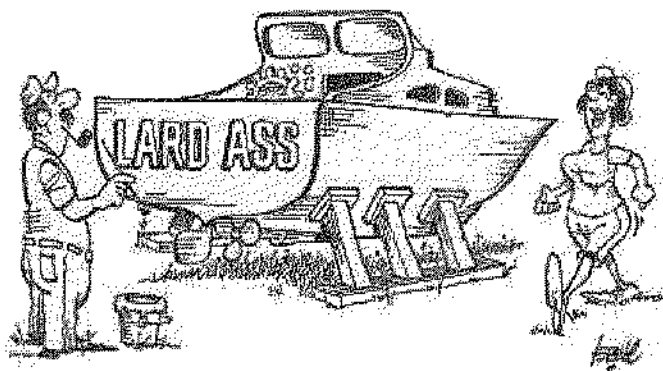
Fort Jervis, Ripapa Island, Lyttleton Harbour. Built during the Russian scare 1880 – 1890. 2 x 6-inch guns and 2 x 8-inch disappearing guns. Drawbridge on footbridge to mainland and wharf. Birthplace of our very own Jervis Bryan O'Connor. Photo taken by Bryan's mother about 1920.

● **The next Newsletter** will take on a new appearance, it will come out in booklet form but it will need a name. The Aussies have 'Gunfire', UK 'Shellfire', Waikouaiti had 'The Empty Page', K Force have 'Despatches' and so on. How about you put your thinking caps on and come up with a name for our Newsletter. And with tongue in cheek we need to have it published under some 'authority'. E.g. R&SO Vol 11, AT Vol 666 or what have you. *Ron Turner you should be the one to come up with something, pity Alistair Ross is not available, he would come up with something hilarious!!!!!!!*

Take it easy out there

*May you all have a very merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year
God Bless you all.*

Dramatic picture of a man with only seconds to live!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



"Did you name it after me,
like you said you would?"